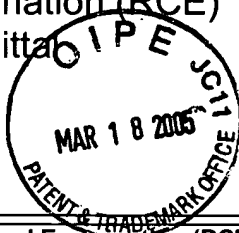


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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir/Madam:

Applicants concurrently file a Request for Petition of Time, 3 months, to respond to the outstanding Office action mailed on September 22, 2004 as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.